

## Hall Murder Solutions Intrigue Shylock Homes

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The first letter I opened today comes from Eric Gray of 347 West 20th St., formerly a sergeant of the Indian police force.

His "solution" attests his thorough police training. He believes there have been many "mental lapses" in the life of one of the accused.

Following Police Sergt. Gray's theory came a perfect avalanche of letters from readers who do not believe "the Halls guilty." For instance, M. B. Scanlon of 124 East St. exonerates the ones un-

der arrest, and blames another woman for the crime.

John Wilkins, real estate broker, of 1217 Widener Building, Philadelphia, feels that "the murders were committed by black-mailers."

"I don't believe Mrs. Gibson's story," says Mrs. Dora Walker of 219 East 83d St.

"All concerned will be discharged through lack of evidence,"

says Mrs. Jennie Dyson of 410 East 163d St., The Bronx.

"Yes," I replied, "and that is the very reason I am trying to solve this most baffling of crimes—a case, my dear Watson, I don't mind confessing, that is the 'blindest' of any I have ever known in my long career as a criminologist. And being unable to tear aside the veil of mystery myself I have offered awards of \$1,000 for the first correct solutions to reach me.

The first correct solution of the Hall-Mills case that comes to The GRAPHIC will receive \$500. Then additional awards of \$250, \$100, \$50 and \$10, until the \$1,000 is exhausted. The correct solution will be based on court findings. You may send in as many solutions as you wish. None received after October 2. Address your letter to SHYLOCK HOMES, The GRAPHIC, 25 City Hall Place, Manhattan.

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away from the subject of new evidence.

Simpson's statement had stung him.

Judge Frank L. Cleary sat beside Justice Parker during the hearing. He heard evidence recently and later decided to hold Carpenter and Stevens.

As the court opened, Justice Parker said that he had read the transcript of evidence at this hearing.

"I want to stand on that evidence," said McCarter. "There is no need of admitting more."

From early morning a crowd began collecting at Somerset County

Courthouse. Crowds lined the galleries around the court of Oyer and Terminer, where the hearing was held. Other crowds waited on the lawn to hear latest developments as the legal battle began.

Traffic into the county seat was large, people coming from all parts of Somerset and Middlesex Counties.

The doors of the courtroom were were closed and locked half an hour before the proceedings began at 10:30 a. m.

More interest was displayed than at the previous hearing. The courtroom was packed and jammed, spectators even lining the walls.

Senator Simpson came in an hour before the opening. With him were Prosecutor Frances Bergen of Somerset county, Patrick Hayes, chief investigator, and Inspector John Underwood of Jersey City.

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